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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Committee  
on

**LIAISON**

Chairman: Bill Graham, Lib.

**Meeting No. 1**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2001**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair

Future business









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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

The Liaison Committee met at 1:30 p.m. in Room 371 West Block, for the purpose of electing a chair and a vice-chair pursuant to S.O. 107(2).

*Member(s) of the Committee present:* Peter Adams, Bonnie Brown, Wayne Easter, Joe Fontana, Bill Graham, Charles Hubbard, Ovid Jackson, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Clifford Lincoln, David Pratt, John Williams.

*In attendance: From the Committees and Parliamentary Associations Directorate:* Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk; *From Financial Services:* Linda Biard, Financial Analyst.

Pursuant to S.O. 107(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of a chair and a vice-chair.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a chair.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, - That Bill Graham be elected Chair of the Committee.

Accordingly, Bill Graham was declared duly elected chair of the Committee and took the chair.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, - That Susan Whelan be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 1:32 p.m., the Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant S.O. 107(1).

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That a sub-committee on budget be established to approve committees' budget requests and that the sub-committee be comprised of Bonnie Brown, Wayne Easter, Bill Graham, Clifford Lincoln, David Pratt, John Williams and Susan Whelan.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That a sub-committee on committee rooms be established and that the sub-committee be comprised of Bill Graham, Clifford Lincoln and John Williams.

On motion of Joe Fontana, it was agreed, - That the Chair contact the Whips to have the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs prepare and report to the House a list of associate members for the Liaison Committee.

On motion of Bonnie Brown, it was agreed, - That the meetings of the Liaison Committee be held the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. and that a working meal be paid out of the Committee's budget at the discretion of the Chair.

By unanimous consent, at 1:41 p.m. the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

It was agreed, - That a budget of \$25,000 be allocated to each Standing and Standing Joint Committee for the fiscal year 2000-2001.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities be granted a budget of \$77,400 in fiscal year 2000-2001 for its study of Bill C-2, An Act to amend the Employment Insurance Act and the Employment Insurance (Fishing) Regulations.

It was agreed, - That an interim budget of \$10,000 be allocated to each Standing and Standing Joint Committee for the fiscal year 2001-2002.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration be granted a budget of \$134,980 to travel to Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, London and Montreal, in April 2001, for its study of Bill C-11, An Act respecting immigration to Canada and the granting of refugee protection to persons who are displaced, persecuted or in danger.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration be granted a budget of \$42,800 in fiscal year 2001-2002 for its study of Bill C-11, An Act respecting immigration to Canada and the granting of refugee protection to persons who are displaced, persecuted or in danger.

It was agreed, - That a sub-committee on committee reform be established and that the sub-committee be comprised of Peter Adams, Bill Graham, Wayne Easter, Joe Fontana, Clifford Lincoln and John Williams.

At 2:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Bosc

Clerk of the Committee



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Committee  
on

**LIAISON**

Chairman: Bill Graham, Lib.

**Meeting No. 2**

**Thursday, June 7, 2001**

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**IN CAMERA**









## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, June 7, 2001

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:21 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bill Graham, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Bonnie Brown, Wayne Easter, Joe Fontana, Bill Graham, Charles Hubbard, Ovid Jackson, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Raymond Lavigne, Derek Lee, Clifford Lincoln, David Pratt, Werner Schmidt, Susan Whelan, John Williams.

*In attendance: From Committees and Parliamentary Associations Directorate:* Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk; *From Financial Services:* Linda Biard, Senior Financial Advisor.

In accordance with Standing Order 107.(1), business of the Committee.

It was agreed, - That, at the beginning of each Parliament or fiscal year, standing committees be granted an annual \$10,000 budget for "general operations".

It was agreed, - That committees be permitted to use the balance in their "general operations" budget line item as interim funding for major studies pending the approval of budgets for those projects.

It was agreed, - That each September (i.e. mid-way into the fiscal year), the account balances for the "general operations" of each Standing Committee be reset to \$10,000 to provide a sufficient reserve for miscellaneous expenses and interim funding for the second half of the fiscal year.

It was agreed, - That committees be required to submit budgets on a per project basis (major study or travel) and that 30 days after the presentation of a report to the House or the completion of authorized travel, unspent amounts be automatically returned to the global envelope.

It was agreed, - That, in order to enable the Liaison Committee to better allocate funds to the various committees, committees be required to submit, within 30 days of the committee's organization meeting or the start of the fiscal year, budgets for projects they wish to undertake in the next six-month period, provided that they may also submit budgets at other times as circumstances may warrant.

It was agreed, - That the practice of re-instating allocated budgets and carrying-over balances following a prorogation be continued.

It was agreed, - That committee clerks be instructed to provide their assigned committees with monthly financial reports.

It was agreed, - That the Liaison Committee review the financial reports of all committees in September 2001.

At 2:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**LIAISON**

Chairman: Bill Graham, Lib.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Tuesday, October 16, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair









## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

The Liaison Committee met at 1:05 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a chair and a vice-chair pursuant to S.O. 107(2).

*Members of the Committee present:* Peter Adams, Raymond Bonin, Bonnie Brown, Hon. Charles Caccia, Wayne Easter, Joe Fontana, Bill Graham, Charles Hubbard, Ovid Jackson, Clifford Lincoln, Judi Longfield, David Pratt, Andy Scott.

*Other Member present:* Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: From the Committees Directorate:* Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk; *From Financial Services:* Nicola Pappas, Financial Analyst.

Pursuant to S.O. 107(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of a chair and a vice-chair.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a chair.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, - That Bill Graham be elected Chair of the Committee.

Accordingly, Bill Graham was declared duly elected chair of the Committee and took the chair.

On motion of Judi Longfield, it was agreed, - That Susan Whelan be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, at 1:08 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant S.O. 107(1).

It was agreed, - That a sub-committee on budget be established to approve committees' budget requests and that the sub-committee be comprised of the following members: Bonnie Brown, Wayne Easter, Bill Graham, Clifford Lincoln, Judi Longfield, John Williams and Susan Whelan, with Bill Graham as chair.

It was agreed, - That a sub-committee on committee rooms be established and that the sub-committee be comprised of the following members: Joe Fontana, Bill Graham, Clifford Lincoln and John Williams, with Bill Graham as chair.

It was agreed, - That the Chair contact the Whips to have the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs prepare and report to the House a list of associate members for the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, - That committees submit their budget requests for new projects to be undertaken during this fiscal year by November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2001 and for projects to be undertaken in fiscal year 2002-2003 by February 22, 2002.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights be granted an operational budget of

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\$66,700 for its study on Bill C-15B, An Act to amend the Criminal code (cruelty to animals and firearms) and the Firearms Act.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade be granted an operational budget of \$85,700 for the general operations of the committee and its two sub-committees.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology be granted an operational budget of \$60,000 for its various studies.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Transport and Government Operations be granted a budget of \$20,376 to travel to Toronto, on October 18, 2001, to conduct a field trip to Lester B. Pearson International Airport in Toronto to investigate that airport's security system.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Health be granted a budget of \$244,390 to travel across Canada, from October 28 to November 2, 2001, for its study on Assisted Human Reproduction.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration be granted a budget of \$66,345 to travel to Washington, D.C. during the week of October 29, 2001, for its study on Security at Ports of Entry for Immigrants, provided that the Committee can substitute this travel budget with one for travel across Canada in October.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Chair write to the Board of Internal Economy to request an opportunity to make an in-person presentation regarding the financing of committee activities.

It was agreed, - That the Budget Sub-Committee meet next week to consider the remaining budget requests.

At 1:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Bosc

Clerk of the Committee



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**LIAISON**

Chair: Wayne Easter, Lib.

**Meeting No. 4**

**Tuesday, February 26, 2002**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:14 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a chair and a vice-chair pursuant to S.O. 107(2).

*Members of the Committee present:* Mauril Bélanger, Raymond Bonin, Bonnie Brown, Wayne Easter, Charles Hubbard, Ovid Jackson, Walt Lastewka, John Williams.

*Associate Member present:* Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: From the Committees Directorate:* Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk; *From Financial Services:* Nicholas Pappas, Senior Financial Officer.

Pursuant to S.O. 107(2), The Committee proceeded to the election of a chair and a vice-chair.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a chair.

It was agreed, - That Wayne Easter be elected Chair of the Committee.

Accordingly, Wayne Easter was declared duly elected chair of the Committee and took the chair.

It was agreed, - That the election of the Vice-chair be done by secret ballot.

It was agreed by secret ballot, - That Walt Lastewka be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant to S.O. 107(1).

It was agreed, - That the membership of the Sub-committee on Committee Budgets be comprised of the Chair, the Vice-Chair and the following members: Mauril Bélanger, Bonnie Brown, Clifford Lincoln, Judi Longfield and John Williams.

It was agreed, - That the membership of the Sub-committee on Committee Rooms be comprised of the Chair, the Vice-Chair and the following members: Mauril Bélanger and Charles Hubbard.

It was agreed, - That members of the Liaison Committee may act as substitutes for members of any sub-committee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, - That the Chair write to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs to recommend that Standing Order 107 be amended by replacing paragraph (5) with the following:

“(5) The Vice-Chairs of each standing committee and the Members of the House from each standing joint committee who are the Vice-chairs of the said joint committee shall be associate members of the



Liaison Committee, provided that the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs may also prepare lists of other associate members of the Liaison Committee”.

It was agreed, - That further to its order of Tuesday, October 16, 2001, the deadline for submitting the projections of committee activities be extended to Friday, March 22, 2002.

It was agreed, - That the Chair write to the Board of Internal Economy to apprise them of the financial situation.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development be granted a budget of \$13,820 to travel to Vancouver, from March 12 to 16, 2002, to attend a Conference.

It was agreed, - That the travel budget request of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade be referred to the Sub-committee on Committee budgets.

At 1:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Bosc  
Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

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Committee  
on

**LIAISON**

Chair: Wayne Easter, Lib.

**Meeting No. 5**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2002**

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**IN CAMERA**









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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:12 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Wayne Easter, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Peter Adams, Jean Augustine, Sue Barnes, Mauril Bélanger, Carolyn Bennett, Wayne Easter, Gurmant Grewal, Charles Hubbard, Ovid Jackson, Judi Longfield, David Pratt, John Williams.

*Associate Member present:* Beth Phinney.

*In attendance: From the Committee Directorate:* Elizabeth Kingston, Clerk of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development; Carol Chafe, Committee Clerk, for the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development; Marc Toupin, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Finances; Jean-Michel Roy, Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations; Suzanne Verville, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food; Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk; André Gagnon, Deputy Principal Clerk; *From the Financial Services Directorate:* Nicholas Pappas, Senior Financial Officer.

*Witness: From the House of Commons:* Lyette Fortin, Special Advisor to the Sergeant-at-Arms, Long Term Architectural Planning Office.

Pursuant to Standing Order 107(1), the Committee proceeded to the study of the long-term renovation plan and the construction of a new committee building.

The witness gave a presentation.

It was agreed, - That the names of Jean Augustine and Judy Longfield be added to the list of members of the Sub-Committee on Committee Rooms.

Pursuant to Standing Order 107(1), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of budget submissions.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development be granted a travel budget of \$23,700 to travel to Washington, D.C., from June 5 to June 11, 2002, to attend a conference.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be granted a travel budget of \$50,000 to travel to Washington, D.C., in June 2002.

It was agreed, - That the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development be granted a travel budget of \$208,000 to travel to Sudan, from November 12 to November 22, 2002.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Finance be granted a travel budget of \$240,500 to travel to eastern and western Canada in mid-Fall to complete nation-wide public hearings on its pre-budget consultations.

At 2:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**LIAISON**

Chair: Walt Lastewka, Lib.

**Meeting No. 1**

**Tuesday, November 26, 2002**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair

Future business









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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

The Liaison Committee met at 1:05 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a chair and a vice-chair pursuant to S.O. 107(2).

*Members of the Committee present:* Peter Adams, Reg Alcock, Sue Barnes, Mauril Bélanger, Raymond Bonin, Bonnie Brown, Joe Comuzzi, Joe Fontana, Gurmant Grewal, Walt Lastewka, Clifford Lincoln, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, Andy Scott, Tom Wappel, John Williams.

*In attendance: From the Committees Directorate:* André Gagnon, Deputy Principal Clerk; Danielle Bélisle, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Status of Persons with Disabilities and Clerk of the Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk; José Cadorette, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Health; Bill Farrell, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration; Christine Fisher, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage; Elizabeth Kingston, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Natural Resources; Stephen Knowles, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade; Mike MacPherson, Clerk of the Subcommittee on Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Status of Persons with Disabilities; Richard Rumas, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts; *From the Financial and Human Resources Services Directorate:* Nicholas Pappas, Senior Financial Officer.

Pursuant to S.O. 107(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of a chair and a vice-chair.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a chair.

On motion of Judi Longfield, it was agreed, - That Walt Lastewka be elected Chair of the Committee.

Accordingly, Walt Lastewka was declared duly elected chair of the Committee and took the chair.

On motion of Bernard Patry, it was agreed, - That Judi Longfield be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 1:08 p.m., the Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant to S.O. 107(1).

It was agreed, - That a subcommittee on committee budgets be established to approve committees' budget requests and that the subcommittee be comprised of Reg Alcock, Mauril Bélanger, Bonnie Brown, Joe Fontana, Walt Lastewka, Andy Scott, Tom Wappel and John Williams.

It was agreed, - That Clifford Lincoln and Gurmant Grewal be named alternate members of the Subcommittee on Committee budgets.

It was agreed, - That a subcommittee on committee rooms be established and that the subcommittee be comprised of Peter Adams, Mauril Bélanger, Gurmant Grewal, Walt Lastewka, Judi Longfield and John

Williams.

It was agreed, - That the meetings of the Liaison Committee be held the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair and that a working meal be paid out of the Committee's budget at the discretion of the Chair.

At 1:20 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the examination of the general budget envelope for committees. The Clerk gave a presentation on the financial status of the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Natural Resources be granted an operational budget of \$24,900 for its study of Bill C-6, *An Act to establish the Canadian Centre for the Independent Resolution of First Nations Specific Claims to provide for the filing, negotiation and resolution of specific claims and to make related amendments to other Acts*.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Natural Resources be granted an operational budget of \$11,100 for its study of Bill C-2, *An Act to establish a process for assessing the environmental and socio-economic effects of certain activities in Yukon*.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration be granted an operational budget of \$137,700 for its studies on Immigration and Refugee Regulations (Safe third Country Agreement), on Bill C-18, *An Act respecting Canadian citizenship, and on Provincial Nominees*.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade be granted an operational budget of \$72,216 to cover report expenses in relation to the Committee's study on North American Relations.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade be granted an operational budget of \$21,200 to cover witness expenses in relation to its study on Iraq.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Status of Persons with Disabilities be granted an operational budget of \$100,800 for its study on Skills and Learning.

It was agreed, - That the Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Status of Persons with Disabilities be granted an operational budget of \$134,300 for its e-consultation study on Canada Pension Plan Disability.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Health be granted an operational budget of \$83,000 to cover witness expenses in relation to its study of Bill C-13, *An Act respecting assisted human reproduction*.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage be granted an operational budget of \$314,065 for its study on the State of the Canadian Broadcasting System

At 2:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Bosc  
Clerk of the Committee

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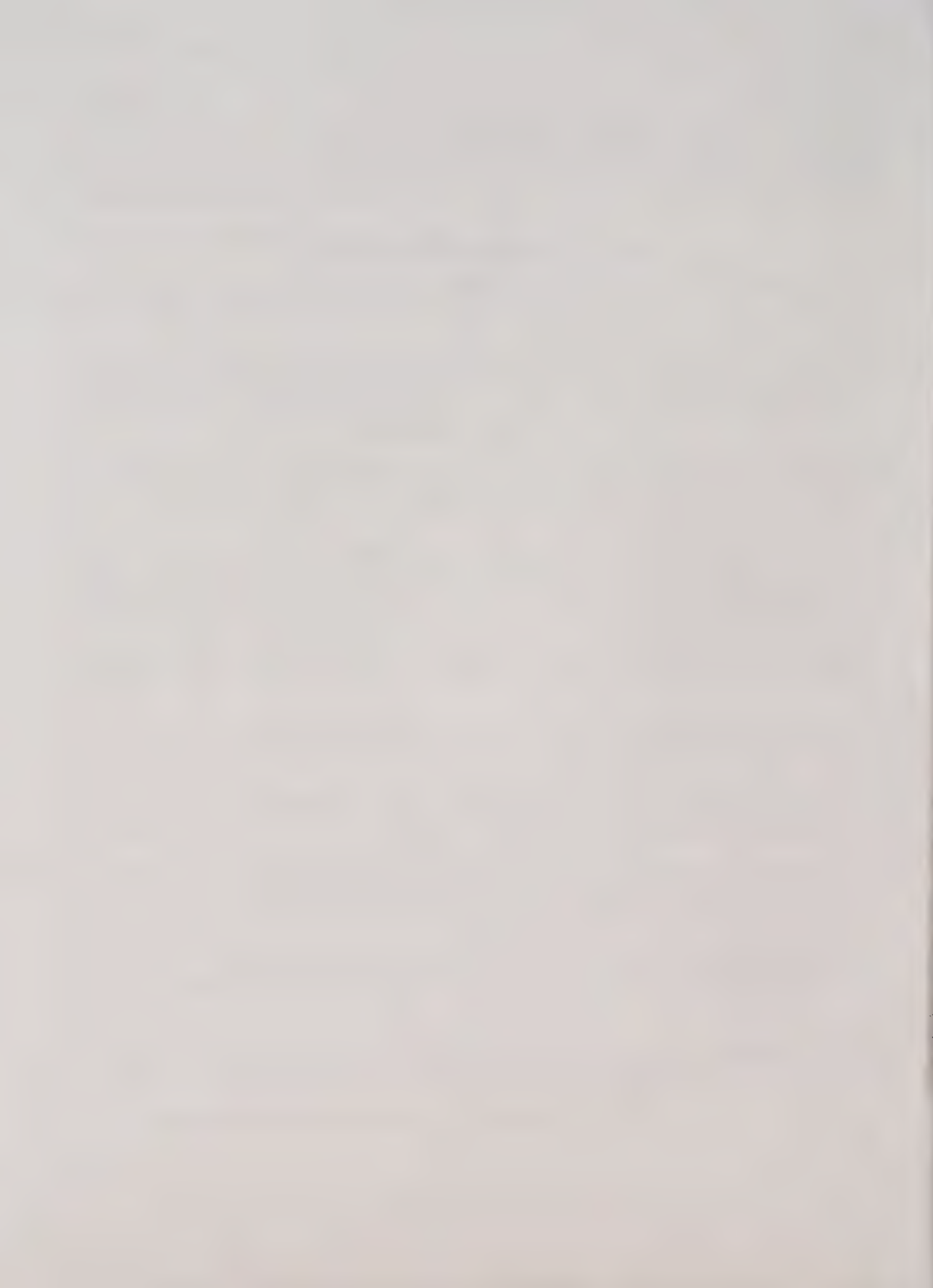
Chair: Walt Lastewka, Lib.

**Meeting No. 2**

**Thursday, December 5, 2002**

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**IN CAMERA**







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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, December 5, 2002

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:03 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Walt Lastewka, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Reg Alcock, Sue Barnes, Bonnie Brown, Charles L. Caccia, Joe Fontana, Gurmant Grewal, Charles Hubbard, Walt Lastewka, Clifford Lincoln, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, Tom Wappel.

Other Members present: John Godfrey; Mac Harb; John Harvard; John McKay;

*In attendance: From the Committees Directorate:* André Gagnon, Deputy Principal Clerk; Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Finance; Bill Farrell, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration; Christine Fisher, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage; Patrice Martin, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights; Bibiane Ouellette, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Agriculture; Jean-François Pagé, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology; Richard Rumas, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts; *From the Financial and Human Resources Services Directorate:* Nicholas Pappas, Senior Financial Officer.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant to S.O. 107(1).

The Committee proceeded to the examination of the general budget envelope for committees. The Clerk gave a presentation on the financial status of the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

It was agreed, - That the Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Status of Persons with Disabilities be granted an operational budget of \$25,250 for its study on Aboriginal Youth at Risk.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights be granted an operational budget of \$62,500 for its study on marriage and the legal recognition of same-sex unions.

At 1:31 p.m., Judi Longfield took the Chair.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology be granted an operational budget of \$60,000 for its study of foreign investment restrictions applicable to telecommunications common carriers.

At 1:33 p.m., Walt Lastewka took the Chair.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Finance be granted an operational budget of \$26,900 for its study on Bank Mergers.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Agriculture be granted an operational budget of \$33,200 for its study on the marketing of genetically modified organism products.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Agriculture be granted an operational budget of \$26,400 for its study on the impact of the Kyoto Protocol and climate change on the agricultural sector.

It was agreed, - That the following budget requests be approved in principle, upon reception of additional funding by the Board of Internal Economy.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration be granted a travel budget of \$118,555 to travel to St. John's, Halifax, Charlottetown, Fredericton and Quebec during the period of January and February 2003 for public hearings on settlement programs, provincial nominee agreements, a National Identity Card, and Bill C-18, *An Act respecting Canadian Citizenship*.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration be granted a travel budget of \$133,087 to travel to Victoria, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg and Toronto during the period of January and February 2003, for public hearings on settlement programs, provincial nominee agreements, a National Identity Card, and Bill C-18, *An Act respecting Canadian Citizenship*.

*It was agreed,* - That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration be granted a travel budget of \$44,810 to travel to Washington, DC, (USA), during the period of January and February 2003, for informal meetings and site visits in relation to its study on security at ports of entry in Canada.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be granted a travel budget of \$78,810 to travel to Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra (Australia), from January 29 to February 9, 2003 for the ACPAC Conference.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage be granted a travel budget of \$146,870 to travel to Washington, DC (USA) and, London (England) from January 16 to 23, 2003, for its final phase of the study on the state of the Canadian Broadcasting System.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights be granted a travel budget of \$108,709 to travel to Paris (France), Brussels (Belgium) and Amsterdam (Holland) from March 1 to 8, 2003, to meet with European officials, in relation to its study on marriage and the legal recognition of same-sex unions.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights be granted a travel budget of \$379,821 to travel country-wide, in February and March 2003, to conduct hearings in relation to its study on marriage and the legal recognition of same-sex unions.

It was agreed, - That the Chair of the Liaison Committee write to the Board of Internal Economy in order to inform them of the Liaison Committee's financial situation and to request appropriate funds.

At 2:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Bosc  
Clerk of the Committee

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**LIAISON**

Chair: Walt Lastewka, Lib.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Thursday, February 20, 2003**

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**IN CAMERA**









## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, February 20, 2003

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:02 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Walt Lastewka, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Peter Adams, Mauril Bélanger, Bonnie Brown, Gurmant Grewal, Walt Lastewka, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, David Pratt, The Hon. Andy Scott, Tom Wappel.

*Associate Members present:* Mac Harb, Benoît Sauvageau, Yolande Thibeault, Rose-Marie Ur.

*Other Members present:* Roger Gallaway, Marlene Catterall, Bob Wood.

*Attendance: From the Committees Directorate:* André Gagnon, Deputy Principal Clerk; Diane Deschamps, Clerk of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs and Clerk of the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs; the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs; Joann Garbig, Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations; Marc-Olivier Girard, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Official Languages; Georges Etoka, Clerk of the Subcommittee on Marine Transportation of the Standing Committee on Transport; Patrice Martin, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights; Jeremy LeBlanc, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans; José Cadorette, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Health; Stephen Knowles, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade; Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Finance; *From the Financial and Human Resources Services Directorate:* Nicholas Pappas, Senior Financial Officer.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant to S.O. 107(1).

The Committee proceeded to the examination of the general budget envelope for committees. The Clerk gave a presentation on the financial status of the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

It was agreed, - That the general operations budget of Standing Committees be reduced to \$5000 for the remainder of fiscal year 2002 - 2003.

It was agreed, - That, at the beginning of each Parliament or fiscal year, standing committees be granted an annual \$5,000 budget for "general operations".

It was agreed, - That each September (i.e. mid-way into the fiscal year), the account balances for the "general operations" of each Standing Committee be reset to \$5,000 to provide a sufficient reserve for miscellaneous expenses and interim funding for the second half of the fiscal year.

It was agreed, - That \$25,000, renewable, be made available to the Chair of the Liaison Committee for the purpose of covering deficits in basic operational budgets of committees and that the Chair report its utilization to the Committee.

It was agreed, - That all witness claims be received by the Clerk of the Committee within 15 days of the date of appearance and that the Committee may refuse payment on late requests.

It was agreed, - That the Joint Standing Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations be granted an operational budget of \$7,980 for Statutory Order of Reference (fiscal year 2002-2003).

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be granted an operational budget of \$20,100 for its Consideration of the Agricultural Policy Framework study (fiscal year 2002-2003).

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be granted an operational budget of \$11,600 for its study on the Occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and deer herds in Manitoba (fiscal year 2002-2003).

It was agreed, - That the Subcommittee on Marine Transportation of the Standing Committee on Transport be granted in principle an operational budget of \$9,000 for service contract with special expertise on the Seaway management and stakeholders concerns (fiscal year 2002-2003).

It was noted that Mr. Bélanger left the committee room during the consideration of the following item.

That the Standing Committee on Official Languages be granted an operational budget of \$30,000 for payment of a portion of the legal fees incurred by Mr. Mauril Bélanger for his role as intervener in *Quigley* (fiscal year 2002-2003).

It was agreed, That the budget request submitted by the Official Languages Committee be referred to the Board of Internal Economy for consideration without recommendation.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Health be granted an operational budget of \$8,000 to cover witness expenses in relation to its study of HIV/AIDS strategy and funding (fiscal year 2002-2003).

It was agreed, - That the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be granted in principle a travel budget of \$19,613 to travel to St-John's, NF, on March 31, 2003, for a Fact finding mission on long-term care for veterans (fiscal year 2002-2003).

It was agreed, - hat the Subcommittee on Marine Transportation of the Standing Committee on Transport be granted in principle a travel budget of \$83,800 to travel to Washington, D.C. and Tampa, USA, from March 18 to 23, 2003, for study of the Great Lakes and St.-Lawrence Seaway System (fiscal year 2002-2003).

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be granted an operational budget of \$52,860 for its Canada-United States Defence Cooperation study (fiscal year 2003-2004).

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Health be granted an operational budget of \$3,464 to cover witness expenses in relation to its study of Bill C-260, *An Act to amend the Hazardous Products Act (fire-safe cigarettes)* (fiscal year 2003-2004).

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Health be granted an operational budget of \$14,400 to cover witness expenses in relation to its study on health care access and accountability (fiscal year 2003-2004).

It was agreed, - That the Subcommittee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade be granted a travel budget of \$198,492 to travel to Delhi (India), Singapore (Thailand), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Hong Kong (China), Shanghai (China), Beijing (China), Tokyo (Japan), from May 2 to 17, 2003, in relation to its study on International Trade, Development and other matters (fiscal year 2003-2004).

It was agreed, - That the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be granted in principle a travel budget of \$47,234 to travel to Halifax (N.S.), Charlottetown (PEI), St John (NB), from April 1st to 4, 2003, for a Fact finding mission on long-term care for veterans (fiscal year 2003-2004).

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights be granted a travel budget of \$346,615 to travel to Vancouver, Edmonton, Moose Jaw (Saskatchewan), Steinbach (Manitoba), Halifax, Sussex (N.B.), Sudbury, Toronto, Iqaluit, Montreal, Rimouski or elsewhere in Canada, in April and May 2003, for its study on Marriage and legal recognition of Same-sex Unions (fiscal year 2003-2004).

It was agreed, - That Judi Longfield be added to the list of members of the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets.

At 2:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Bosc  
Clerk of the Committee





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**EVIDENCE**

Committee  
on

**LIAISON**

Chair: Walt Lastewka, Lib.

**Meeting No. 4**

Thursday, May 8, 2003

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**IN CAMERA**







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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, May 8, 2003

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:05 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Judi Longfield, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Sue Barnes, Mauril Bélanger, Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Joe Comuzzi, Joe Fontana, Gurmant Grewal, Walt Lastewka, Judi Longfield, Hon. Andy Scott.

*Other Member present:* Roger Gallaway.

*In attendance:* Rémi Bourgault, Committee Clerk; Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Finance; Georges Etoke, Clerk of the Subcommittee on Marine Transportation of the Standing Committee on Transport and Clerk of the Standing Committee on Transport; William J. Farrell, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration; André Gagnon, Deputy Principal Clerk; Marc-Olivier Girard, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Official Languages; Thomas Hall, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs; Patrice Martin, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights; Richard Rumas, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts; *From the Financial and Human Resources Services Directorate:* Nicholas Pappas, Senior Financial Officer.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant to S.O. 107(1).

The Committee proceeded to the examination of the general budget envelope for committees. The Vice-Chair gave a presentation on the financial status of 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 fiscal years.

It was agreed, - That the Chair of the Liaison Committee request to appear before the Special Committee on the Modernization and Improvement of the Procedures of the House of Commons in order to discuss the issue of the general mandate of the Liaison Committee, the matter of prioritizing requests for international travel and the possibility of linking budgets with orders of reference.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Official Languages be granted an operational budget of \$73,200 for its study of the subject-matter of Bill C-202, *An Act to amend the Canada Health Act (linguistic duality)*.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights be granted an operational budget of \$9,600 for its study of Bill C-250, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (hate propaganda)*.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs be granted an operational budget of \$30,000 for its study of Bill C-24, *An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)*.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration be granted a travel budget of \$125,435 to travel to London (UK), Berlin (Germany), Warsaw (Poland), Rome (Italy), Athens

(Greece), and Madrid (Spain), in May and June 2003, for its study on a National Identity Card and review of the Implementation of *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA).

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration be granted a travel budget of \$106,602 to travel to Buenos Aires (Argentina), Santiago (Chile), San José (Costa Rica), Tegucigalpa (Honduras), Guatemala City (Guatemala), in May and June 2003, for its study on a National Identity Card and review of the Implementation of *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA).

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans be granted a travel budget of \$159,741 to travel to Brussels, London, Southampton, Aberdeen, Oslo, Bergen, Reykjavik, from June 14 to 27, 2003, for its study of the Coast Guard, Custodial Management.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Official Languages be granted a travel budget of \$182,190 to travel to Whitehorse, Vancouver, St-Boniface, Sudbury, Quebec and Moncton, in September 2003, for public hearings on its study of the subject-matter of Bill C-202, *An Act to amend the Canada Health Act (linguistic duality)*.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be granted a travel budget of \$12,777 to travel to Winnipeg Manitoba, from September 14 to 16, 2003, to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees.

It was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Transport be granted a travel budget of \$381,071 to travel to Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Thompson, Churchill, Thunder Bay, Moncton, Halifax, Montreal, and Toronto, from May 25 to June 13, 2003, for its study of Bill C-26, *An Act to amend the Canada Transportation Act and the Railway Safety Act, to enact the VIA Rail Canada Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*.

It was agreed, - That the Subcommittee on Marine Transportation of the Standing Committee on Transport be granted a travel budget of \$136,630 to travel to London and Bristol, England, from June 17 to 27, 2003, for its study on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway System.

At 1:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Bosc  
Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

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on

**LIAISON**

Chair: Walt Lastewka, Lib.

**Meeting No. 5**

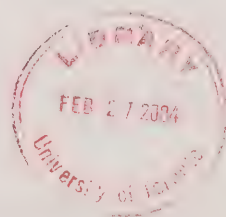
**Tuesday, October 7, 2003**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair

Future business









## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

The Liaison Committee met at 1:12 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and a Vice-Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 107(2).

*Members of the Committee present:* Sue Barnes, Raymond Bonin, Bonnie Brown, Charles L. Caccia, Joe Comuzzi, Joe Fontana, Walt Lastewka, Clifford Lincoln, Judi Longfield, David Pratt, Andy Scott, Paul Steckle, Tom Wappel and John Williams.

*Other Members present:* Benoît Sauvageau.

*In attendance:* House of Commons: Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk. Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights: Diane Diotte, Clerk. Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage: Rémi Bourgault, Clerk. Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food: Bibiane Ouellette, Clerk. House of Commons: Nicholas Pappas, Senior Financial Officer.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Judi Longfield, seconded by Joe Comuzzi, it was agreed, — That Walt Lastewka be elected as Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chair.

On motion of Clifford Lincoln, seconded by Bonnie Brown, it was agreed, — That Judi Longfield be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Walt Lastewka took the Chair.

It was agreed, — That a subcommittee on committee budgets be established to approve committees' budget requests and that the Subcommittee be composed of Reg Alcock, Mauril Bélanger, Bonnie Brown, Joe Fontana, Walt Lastewka, Judi Longfield, Andy Scott, Tom Wappel and John Williams; and that Walt Lastewka be its Chair and Judi Longfield, its Vice-Chair.

It was agreed, — That Clifford Lincoln and Gurmant Grewal be named alternate members of the Subcommittee on Committee budgets.

It was agreed, — That a subcommittee on committee rooms be established and that the Subcommittee be composed of Peter Adams, Mauril Bélanger, Gurmant Grewal, Walt Lastewka, Judi Longfield and John Williams.

At 1:17 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the examination of the general budget envelope for committees. The Clerk

gave a presentation on the financial status of the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Pursuant to S.O. 107(1), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of budget submissions.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights be granted an operational budget of \$31,600 for its study of Bill C-20, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (protection of children and other vulnerable persons) and the Canada Evidence Act.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights be granted an operational budget of \$8,200 for its study of Bill C-33, An Act to implement treaties and administrative arrangements on the international transfer of persons found guilty of criminal offences.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights be granted an operational budget of \$13,000 for its study of Bill C-45, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (criminal liability of organizations).

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be granted an operational budget of \$18,300 for its study on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) situation in Canada.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be granted a travel budget of \$39,063 to travel to Washington, DC, from October 19 to 21, 2003, to discuss bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) issues with their U.S. counterparts with the aim to reinstate bovine trade.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

At 1:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Bosc  
Clerk of the Committee

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**PROCÈS-VERBAL**

Comité  
de

**LIAISON**

Président: Walt Lastewka, Lib.

**Séance n° 5**

**Le mardi 7 octobre 2003**

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**ORDRES DU JOUR:**

Élection du président et du vice-président

Travaux futurs









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## PROCÈS-VERBAL

Séance n° 5

Le mardi 7 octobre 2003

Le Comité de Liaison se réunit aujourd'hui à 13 h 12, dans la pièce 371 de l'édifice de l'Ouest, pour élire un président et un vice-président, conformément à l'article 107(2) du Règlement.

*Membres du Comité présents* : Sue Barnes, Raymond Bonin, Bonnie Brown, Charles L. Caccia, Joe Comuzzi, Joe Fontana, Walt Lastewka, Clifford Lincoln, Judi Longfield, David Pratt, Andy Scott, Paul Steckle, Tom Wappel et John Williams.

*Autres députés présents* : Benoît Sauvageau.

*Aussi présents* : *Chambre des communes* : Tranquillo Marrocco, greffier principal adjoint. *Comité permanent de la justice et des droits de la personne* : Diane Diotte, greffier. *Comité permanent du patrimoine canadien* : Rémi Bourgault, greffier. *Comité permanent de l'agriculture et de l'agroalimentaire* : Bibiane Ouellette, greffière. *Chambre des communes* : Nicholas Pappas, conseiller financier principal.

Le greffier du Comité préside à l'élection du président.

Sur motion de Judi Longfield, appuyé par Joe Comuzzi, il est convenu, — Que Walt Lastewka soit élu président du Comité.

Le greffier du Comité préside à l'élection du vice-président.

Sur motion de Clifford Lincoln, appuyé par Bonnie Brown, il est convenu, — Que Judi Longfield soit élue vice-présidente du Comité.

Walt Lastewka assume la présidence.

Il est convenu, — Qu'un sous-comité des budgets de comité soit formé aux fins d'approuver les demandes de budget des comités et que le Sous-comité soit composé de Reg Alcock, Mauril Bélanger, Bonnie Brown, Joe Fontana, Walt Lastewka, Judi Longfield, Andy Scott, Tom Wappel et John Williams; et que Walt Lastewka en soit le président et Judi Longfield, la vice-présidente.

Il est convenu, — Que Clifford Lincoln et Gurmant Grewal soient nommés membres suppléants du Sous-comité des budgets de comité.

Il est convenu, — Qu'un sous-comité sur les salles de comités soit formé et que le sous-comité soit composé de Peter Adams, Mauril Bélanger, Gurmant Grewal, Walt Lastewka, Judi Longfield et John Williams.

À 13 h 17, le Comité déclare le huis clos.

Le Comité examine l'enveloppe budgétaire générale des comités. Le greffier présente un exposé sur la situation financière pour l'exercice 2003-2004.

Conformément à l'article 107(1) du Règlement, le Comité examine les demandes de budgets.

Il est convenu, — Qu'un budget opérationnel de 31 600 \$ soit alloué au Comité permanent de la justice et des droits de la personne pour son étude sur le projet de loi C-20, Loi modifiant le Code criminel (protection des enfants et autres personnes vulnérables) et la Loi sur la preuve au Canada.

Il est convenu, — Qu'un budget opérationnel de 8 200 \$ soit alloué au Comité permanent de la justice et des droits de la personne pour son étude sur le projet de loi C-33, Loi de mise en œuvre des traités ou des ententes administratives sur le transfèrement international des personnes reconnues coupables d'infractions criminelles.

Il est convenu, — Qu'un budget opérationnel de 13 000 \$ soit alloué au Comité permanent de la justice et des droits de la personne pour son étude sur le projet de loi C-45, Loi modifiant le Code criminel (responsabilité pénale des organisations).

Il est convenu, — Qu'un budget opérationnel de 18 300 \$ soit alloué au Comité permanent de l'agriculture et de l'agroalimentaire pour son étude sur la situation de l'encéphalopathie spongiforme bovine (ESB) au Canada.

Il est convenu, — Qu'un budget de 39 063 \$ soit alloué au Comité permanent de l'agriculture et de l'agroalimentaire pour se rendre à Washington, DC, du 19 au 21 octobre 2003, pour discuter avec leurs homologues américains les enjeux de l'encéphalopathie spongiforme bovine (ESB) et du rétablissement du commerce bovin.

Le Comité procède à l'étude de ses travaux futurs.

À 13 h 47, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidence.

Le greffier du Comité,

Marc Bosc

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Committee  
on

**LIAISON**

Chair: Judy Longfield, Lib.

**Meeting No. 1**

**Thursday, February 26, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, February 26, 2004

The Liaison Committee met at 1:07 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and a Vice-Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 107(2).

*Members of the Committee present:* Peter Adams, Raymond Bonin, Bonnie Brown, Sarmite Bulte, Roy Cullen, Judi Longfield, Pat O'Brien, Bernard Patry, Brent St. Denis, Paul Steckle, Tom Wappel and John Williams.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk. *Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology:* Louise M. Thibault, Clerk. *House of Commons:* Nicholas Pappas, Senior Financial Officer.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That Judi Longfield be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chair.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That Tom Wappel be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Judi Longfield took the Chair.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That a Subcommittee on budgets be established to approve committees' budget requests and that the subcommittee be comprised of Bonnie Brown, Roy Cullen, Judi Longfield, Pat O'Brien, Bernard Patry, Tom Wappel, and John Williams.

At 1:12 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Clerk gave a presentation on the financial status of the global envelope for committees activities.

It was agreed, — That the meetings of the Liaison Committee be held the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair and that a working meal be paid out of the Committee's budget at the discretion of the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the examination of the general budget envelope for committees.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology be granted an operational budget of \$30,200 for its study of Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Patent Act and the Food and Drugs Act.

At 1:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



Marc Bosc  
Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Committee  
on

**LIAISON**

Chair: Judy Longfield, Lib.

**Meeting No. 2**

**Thursday, April 29, 2004**

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**IN CAMERA**





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, April 29, 2004

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:07 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Judi Longfield, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Peter Adams, Bonnie Brown, Sarmite Bulte, Derek Lee, Judi Longfield, Pat O'Brien, Bernard Patry, Brent St. Denis, Paul Szabo, Tom Wappel and John Williams.

*Associate Members present:* Nick Discepola.

*Other Members present:* Benoît Sauvageau.

*Attendance: House of Commons:* Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis. *House of Commons:* Nicholas Pappas, Senior Financial Officer.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology be granted an operational budget of \$2,500 for its study of Bill C-2, An Act to amend the Radiocommunication Act.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Finance be granted an operational budget of \$107,500 for its study on Pre-Budget Consultations 2004.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Finance be granted a travel budget of \$184,134 to travel to Victoria, Kelowna, Calgary, Saskatoon, and Winnipeg, in October and November 2004, for public hearings on Pre-Budget Consultations 2004.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Finance be granted a travel budget of \$143,534 to travel to St. John's, Fredericton, Montreal, and Toronto, in October and November 2004, for public hearings on Pre-Budget Consultations 2004.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the document entitled "Recommendations for Providing Committees with Appropriate Resources and Autonomy" be concurred in and that the Chair be instructed to make the appropriate requests for submissions.

At 1:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Bosc  
Clerk of the Committee

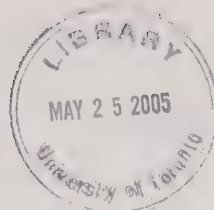
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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

**Meeting No. 1**

**Tuesday, October 26, 2004**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Leon E. Benoit  
Hon. Don Boudria  
Bonnie Brown  
Marlene Catterall  
David Chatters  
Hon. Paul DeVillers  
Raymonde Folco  
Hon. Roger Gallaway  
Gurmant Grewal  
Nancy Karetak-Lindell  
Anita Neville  
Pat O'Brien  
Massimo Pacetti  
Bernard Patry  
Pablo Rodriguez  
Brent St. Denis  
Paul Steckle  
Hon. Andrew Telegdi  
Alan Tonks

John Williams

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Derek Lee for Tom Wappel

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons:*

Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk;  
Nicholas Pappas, Senior Financial Officer.

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Marc Bosc  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

The Liaison Committee met at 1:09 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and a Vice-Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 107(2).

*Members of the Committee present:* Leon E. Benoit, Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Marlene Catterall, David Chatters, Paul DeVillers, Raymonde Folco, Roger Gallaway, Gurmant Grewal, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Anita Neville, Pat O'Brien, Massimo Pacetti, Bernard Patry, Pablo Rodriguez, Brent St. Denis, Paul Steckle, Andrew Telegdi, Alan Tonks and John Williams.

*Acting Members present:* Derek Lee for Tom Wappel.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk; Nicholas Pappas, Senior Financial Officer.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Nancy Karetak-Lindell, it was agreed, — That Bonnie Brown be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chair.

Gurmant Grewal moved, — That John Williams be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That Roger Gallaway be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The election was conducted by secret ballot and, the ballots having been counted, Roger Gallaway was declared duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Bonnie Brown took the Chair.

John Williams moved, — That a Subcommittee on budgets be established to approve committees' budget requests and that the subcommittee be comprised of three members of the Government and three members from the Opposition.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived.

Don Boudria moved, — That the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets be established to approve committees' budget requests and that the subcommittee be comprised of five members of the Government and two members from the Opposition.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets be comprised of Bonnie Brown, Marlene Catterall, Gurmant Grewal, Pat O'Brien, Bernard Patry, Andrew Telegdi and John Williams.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, November 4, 2004

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:07 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Leon E. Benoit, Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Marlene Catterall, David Chatters, Paul DeVillers, Gurmant Grewal, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Massimo Pacetti, Bernard Patry, Pablo Rodriguez, Paul Tuckle, Andrew Telegdi and John Williams.

*Associate Members present:* Rick Casson.

*Other Members present:* Pauline Picard.

*Attendance:* *Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development:* Jean-Philippe Brochu, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs:* Angela Crandall, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Health:* Carmen DePape, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness:* Diane Diotte, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Transport:* Georges Etoka, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Stephen Knowles, Clerk of the Committee. *House of Commons:* Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk; Nicholas Pappas, Senior Financial Officer.

*Witnesses:* *House of Commons:* Colette Labrecque-Riel, Deputy Principal Clerk; Barbara Whittaker, Procedural Clerk, Committee's Directorate.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The witnesses made a presentation on the new Committee Website and answered questions.

Consideration of budget submissions in accordance with Standing Order 107(1).

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade be granted an operational budget of \$12,450 for its study on Disarmament.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade be granted an operational budget of \$37,500 for its study of Foreign Policy Issues.

It was agreed, — That the limit for official hospitality expenses for the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade be increased to \$5,000 for fiscal year 2004-2005.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be granted an operational budget of \$58,900 for its study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development be granted an operational budget of \$93,950 for its study of Bill C-14, Tlicho Land Claims and Self-Government Act.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness



be granted an operational budget of \$19,500 for its study of Bill C-10, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (mental disorder) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration be granted an operational budget of \$28,700 for its study on citizenship and public hearings.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Finance be granted an operational budget of \$78,500 for the 2004 Pre-Budget Consultations.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Health be granted an operational budget of \$20,996 for its study of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Health be granted an operational budget of \$6,500 for its study on Tobacco Regulations.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Health be granted an operational budget of \$6,500 for its study on Hepatitis C.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be granted a travel budget of \$32,509 to travel to Halifax (NS), on November 17 and 18, 2004, for site visits in furtherance of its study on the acquisition of submarines by the Canadian Forces.

It was agreed, — That the proposal entitled "Recommendations for Providing Committees with Appropriate Resources and Autonomy" be considered as the first item of business at the next meeting.

At 1:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Bosc  
Clerk of the Committee

2004-11-05 10:56 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

**Meeting No. 3**

Thursday, November 18, 2004

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**IN CAMERA**



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 18, 2004

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:06 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Marlene Catterall, David Chatters, Paul DeVillers, Raymonde Folco, Roger Gallaway, Gurmant Grewal, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Anita Neville, Massimo Pacetti, Bernard Patry, Pablo Rodriguez, Brent St. Denis, Andrew Telegdi and Tom Wappel.

*Acting Members present:* Garry Breitkreuz for Leon E. Benoit.

*Associate Members present:* Mark Holland.

*Other Members present:* Pauline Picard.

*In attendance:* House of Commons: Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk; Nicholas Pappas, Senior Financial Officer. *Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations:* Jean-François Lafleur, Co-Clerk. *Standing Committee on Public Accounts:* Elizabeth B. Kingston, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness:* Diane Diotte, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Industry, Natural Resources, Science and Technology:* Robert Thibault. *Standing Committee on the Status of Women:* Bonnie Charron, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans:* James M. Latimer, Clerk of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the document entitled “Recommendations for Providing Committees with Appropriate Resources and Autonomy” be concurred in and that the Chair be instructed to make the appropriate requests and submissions.

Consideration of budget submissions in accordance with Standing Order 107(1).

The Deputy Principal Clerk gave a presentation on the financial status of the global envelope for committees activities.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations be granted a general operational budget of \$14,560.

It was agreed, — That the limit for official hospitality expenses for the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be increased to \$2,200 for fiscal year 2004-2005.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness be granted an operational budget of \$25,500 for its study of Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the DNA Identification Act and the National Defence Act.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness be granted an operational budget of \$31,000, for its study of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (impaired driving) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness be granted an operational budget of \$19,500 for its study concerning the closing of RCMP detachments.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Industry, Natural Resources, Science and Technology be granted an operational budget of \$15,200 for its study of Bill C-19, An Act to amend the Competition Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Industry, Natural Resources, Science and Technology be granted an operational budget of \$22,550 for its study on Canada's Regulatory and Foreign Investment Frameworks.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be granted an operational budget of \$41,500 for its study on the Grain Transportation: The Hopper Car Fleet.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness be granted an operational budget of \$43,000, for its study of Bill C-17, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness be granted an operational budget of \$37,500 for its study of Bill C-2, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (protection of children and other vulnerable persons) and the Canada Evidence Act.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on the Status of Women be granted an operational budget of \$85,662 for public hearings (roundtables) on women issues.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans be granted a travel budget of \$89,279 to travel to Richmond, B.C., from December 1 to 5, 2004, for public hearings in relation to its study on the 2004 Fraser River Sockeye Salmon Harvest.

At 1:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Bosc  
Clerk of the Committee

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## **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

#### **Meeting No. 4**

Thursday, March 10, 2005

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**IN CAMERA**



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, March 10, 2005

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:12 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Bonnie Brown, Marlene Catterall, Paul DeVillers, Gurmant Grewal, Nancy Karetak-Andell, Pat O'Brien, Massimo Pacetti, Bernard Patry, Pablo Rodriguez, Paul Steckle, Andrew Telegdi and Alan Tonks.

*Visiting Members present:* Daryl Kramp for John Williams and David Tilson for David Chatters.

*Associate Members present:* Paul Forseth and Mark Holland.

*Other Members present:* John Cannis.

*Attendance:* Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs: Angela Crandall, Clerk of the Committee. Standing Committee on Public Accounts: Elizabeth B. Kingston, Clerk of the Committee. Subcommittee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Eugene Sawrowski, Clerk of the Subcommittee. House of Commons: Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk; Anik Paquette, Senior Financial Advisor.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair apprised members that:

The Board discussed a request from the Liaison Committee for additional funding for committees and agreed to an increase to \$5 million for the global envelope for committee operations and travel, beginning in fiscal year 2005-2006, to be incorporated into the Main Estimates 2005-2006 and allocated in the following manner:

\$ 1.5 million for operational expenses; and

\$ 3.5 million for travel expenses, of which \$2.0 million would be set aside for public hearings throughout Canada and \$1.5 million for other travel in Canada and travel abroad.

The Board also agreed that, in order to ensure that funds are available throughout the fiscal year for the different types of committee activities, the Liaison Committee set aside one-third of the funds for allocation in each of the following periods:

April to August;

September to December; and

January to March.

The Board agreed that committees be permitted to directly charge against the global envelope, without prior Liaison Committee approval, the following operational expenditures not exceeding \$40,000 per study:

Reimbursement of expenses of up to two witnesses per group;

Video-conferencing expenses;

- c) Incidental committee report production costs;
- d) Up to three working lunches per study; and
- e) Minor miscellaneous costs.

4) The Board agreed that committees be required to submit to the Liaison Committee for approval operational budgets involving contracts, total expenditures exceeding \$40,000 per study or expenditures beyond those that can be directly charged against the global envelope and that committees be required to file operational budgets and forecasts for planning purposes.

5) The Board also agreed that, for a trial period to end December 31, 2006, it would:

a) Provide a \$1 million annual contingency fund to the Liaison Committee for the purpose of financing committee requests for forensic, e-consultation and other specialized experts who shall be selected by the Library of Parliament or the Committees Directorate;

b) Authorize the Committees Directorate to draw upon the contingency fund to establish, as a two-year pilot project, a centre of expertise to provide non-partisan assistance to committees wishing to conduct an in-depth review of departmental Estimates, Reports on Plans and Priorities, and Performance Reports by using experts seconded from the Office of the Auditor General as well as experts hired on a contractual basis; and

c) Authorize the Committees Directorate to draw upon the contingency fund to cover, if required, additional staffing costs that could result from increased committee travel, pending an assessment of permanent staff requirements by December 31, 2006."

It was agreed, — That the recommendations of the Liaison Committee that did not fall within the mandate of the Board of Internal Economy be forwarded to the House Leaders and Whips of the parties with a request for action on them.

It was agreed, - That effective April 1, 2005,

a) Standing Committees be granted a general operating budget of \$5000 at the beginning of each fiscal year;

b) Subcommittees be granted, if required, a general operating budget of \$3000;

c) the Chair of the Liaison Committee be authorized to provide additional funds to committee budgets when required, provided that no budget be increased by more than \$10,000 without Liaison Committee approval; and

d) the Chair of the Liaison Committee report back at each committee meeting on any approved travel budget that has not obtained an order of the House authorizing the travel.

The Deputy Principal Clerk gave a presentation on the financial status of the global envelope for committees activities.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be granted an operational budget of \$81,280 for its study on Canada's Defence policy and the future of the Canadian Forces.

It was agreed, — That the limit for official hospitality expenses for the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be increased by \$2,500.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on International Trade of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade be granted, in principle and pending the availability of funds for committee travel for public hearings during the April to August period, a travel budget of \$87,755, to travel to Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto, from April to 22, 2005, for public hearings on its study on Emerging Markets Strategy, Canada-U.S. trade issues and other trade

ncerns.

2:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Bosc  
Clerk of the Committee

05-03-15 1:02 p.m.

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**PROCÈS-VERBAL**

**COMITÉ DE LIAISON**

Présidente: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

**Séance n° 5**

**Le mardi 12 avril 2005**

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## PROCÈS-VERBAL

Séance n° 5

Le mardi 12 avril 2005

Le Comité de Liaison se réunit aujourd'hui à huis clos à 13 h 12, dans la pièce 112-N de l'édifice du Centre, sous la présidence de Bonnie Brown, présidente.

*Membres du Comité présents* : Leon Benoit, Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Paul DeVillers, Gurmant Grewal, Pat O'Brien, Massimo Pacetti, Pablo Rodriguez, Brent St. Denis, Paul Steckle, Tom Wappel et John Williams.

*Membres substitués présents* : David Tilson pour David Chatters.

*Autres députés présents* : Bill Blaikie.

*Aussi présents* : À titre individuel : Marrocco Tranquillo, . *Chambre des communes* : Anik Paquette, conseillère financière principale.

Le Comité entreprend l'examen de questions relatives aux travaux du Comité.

Le Greffier principal adjoint présente un exposé sur la situation financière de l'enveloppe globale pour les activités des comités.

Il est convenu, — Que les budgets des déplacements qui devaient être effectués avant la fin d'une année financière deviennent périmés à la fin de cette même année.

Il est convenu, — Que les comités soient invités à présenter, avant le 15 mai 2005, leurs prévisions de déplacement pour les mois de septembre à décembre, et qu'aucune demande de budget de déplacement pour cette période ne soit étudiée par le Comité de liaison ou par le Sous-comité des budgets de comités jusqu'à ce qu'un examen de toutes les prévisions ait été effectué.

À 13 h 59, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidence.

Le greffier du Comité,

Marc Bosc

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

**Meeting No. 6**

**Thursday, May 19, 2005**

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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, May 19, 2005

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:11 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, Marlene Catterall, Gurmant Grewal, Susan Kadis, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat O'Brien, Massimo Pacetti, Bernard Patry, Brent St. Denis, Paul Steckle, Tom Wappel and John Williams.

*Acting Members present:* Paul Forseth for Leon Benoit, Paul Forseth for David Chatters, David Tilson for David Chatters and David Tilson for David Chatters.

*Other Members present:* Bill Blaikie, John Maloney and Pauline Picard.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk; Anik Paquette, Senior Financial Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 107(1), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters relating to the business of the Committee.

The Chair gave a presentation on the financial status of the global envelope for committees activities.

It was agreed, — That an informal meeting of the committee chairs who have submitted travel projections for the Fall be held to consider how the available funds for that period should be allocated.

At 2:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc Bosc  
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-26 9:23 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

**Meeting No. 7**

**Thursday, June 16, 2005**

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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, June 16, 2005

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:11 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, John Cannis, Raymonde Folco, Roger Gallaway, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, John Maloney, Anita Neville, Massimo Pacetti, Bernard Patry, Pablo Rodriguez, Brent St. Denis, Paul Steckle, Alan Tonks, Tom Wappel and John Williams.

*Acting Members present:* Gary Goodyear for Rob Anders, Gordon O'Connor for Leon Benoit and David Tilson for David Chatters.

*Associate Members present:* Gary Schellenberger.

*Other Members present:* Bill Blaikie and Pauline Picard.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* Luc Fortin, Deputy Principal Clerk; Anik Paquette, Senior Financial Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 107(1) the Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters relating to the business of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That a budget of \$47,321 be allocated to the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs for the consultant selected by the Library of Parliament to assist the committee with its in-depth review of the new defence policy, from July 1st to December 31, 2005.

It was agreed, — That a travel budget in the amount of \$47,052 be allocated to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food to travel to Riding Mountain National Park, MA, for its study on Bovine Tuberculosis, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for travel purpose.

It was agreed, — That a travel budget in the amount of \$220,310 be allocated to the to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade to travel to Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, Fredericton, St. John's, for its review of international policy, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for travel purpose.

It was agreed, — That a travel budget in the amount of \$47,034 be allocated to the to the Subcommittee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade to travel to Vancouver for its study of softwood lumber, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for travel purpose.

It was agreed, — That a travel budget in the amount of \$172,172 be allocated to the to the Standing Committee on Finance to travel to Vancouver, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax to conduct Prebudget Consultations, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for travel purpose.

It was agreed, — That a travel budget in the amount of \$68,069 be allocated to the to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans to travel to Bonavista, Clarendville and St. John's, for its study of Northern cod, the collapse of the fishery and the failure of the stock to re-establish itself, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for travel purpose.

It was agreed, — That a travel budget in the amount of \$165,190 be allocated to the to the Standing Committee

on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities to travel to Toronto, Quebec, Halifax, Charlottetown, St. John's, Victoria, Edmonton, Regina, Whitehorse, Iqaluit, Yellowknife, for its study on Canada Social Transfer, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for travel purpose.

It was agreed, — That a travel budget in the amount of \$154,172 be allocated to the to the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs to travel to Kingston, Edmonton, Whitehorse, Yellowknife, Fredericton, Halifax, for its study on Canada's defense policy and the future role of the Canadian Forces, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for travel purpose.

It was agreed, — That a budget for visits in the amount of \$110,556 be allocated to the to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food to travel to Geneva, Paris, London, for informal meetings and site visits on its studies on WTO , BSE, Avian Flu, Zoning, and Feed, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for that visit.

It was agreed, — That a budget for visits in the amount of \$66,254 be allocated to the to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade to travel to New-York and Washington, for informal meetings and site visits on its review of International Policy, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for that visit.

It was agreed, — That a budget for visits in the amount of \$151,508 be allocated to the to the Standing Committee on Health to travel to London, UK and Rockville, USA, for informal meetings and site visits on its study of prescription drugs and public involvement, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for that visit.

It was agreed, — That a budget for visits in the amount of \$146,000 be allocated to the to the Standing Committee on Official Languages to travel to Bathurst, Eastern Townships, Toronto, Windsor, Whitehorse, Vancouver, Saint-Boniface, Sudbury for informal meetings and site visits on its study of the government action plan on official languages, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for that visit.

It was agreed, — That a budget for visits in the amount of \$117,556 be allocated to the to the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs to travel to Warsaw, Brussels, London, for informal meetings and site visits on its study on Canada's defense policy and the future role of the Canadian Forces, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for that visit.

It was agreed, — That a travel budget in the amount of \$159,450 be allocated to the Standing Committee on Transport to travel to Beijing, Delhi, London, Paris and Washington on its study on Air Liberalization and the Canadian Airports System, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for travel purpose.

It was agreed, — That the study of the additional budget requests for travel purpose of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage and of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities be put to the agenda of the first meeting of the Liaison Committee in the Fall.

It was agreed, — That the Chair of the Liaison Committee write to the Board of Internal Economy to request the \$5M budget be allocated as follows: 1st period - \$2M; 2nd period - \$2M; 3rd period - \$1M.

It was agreed, — That an additional amount of \$20,600 be allocated to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans for its travel to Bonavista, Clarendville and St. John's, for its study of Northern cod, the collapse of the fishery and the failure of the stock to re-establish itself, subject to the approval of a budget by the Committee within the limits of the allocated amount for travel purpose.

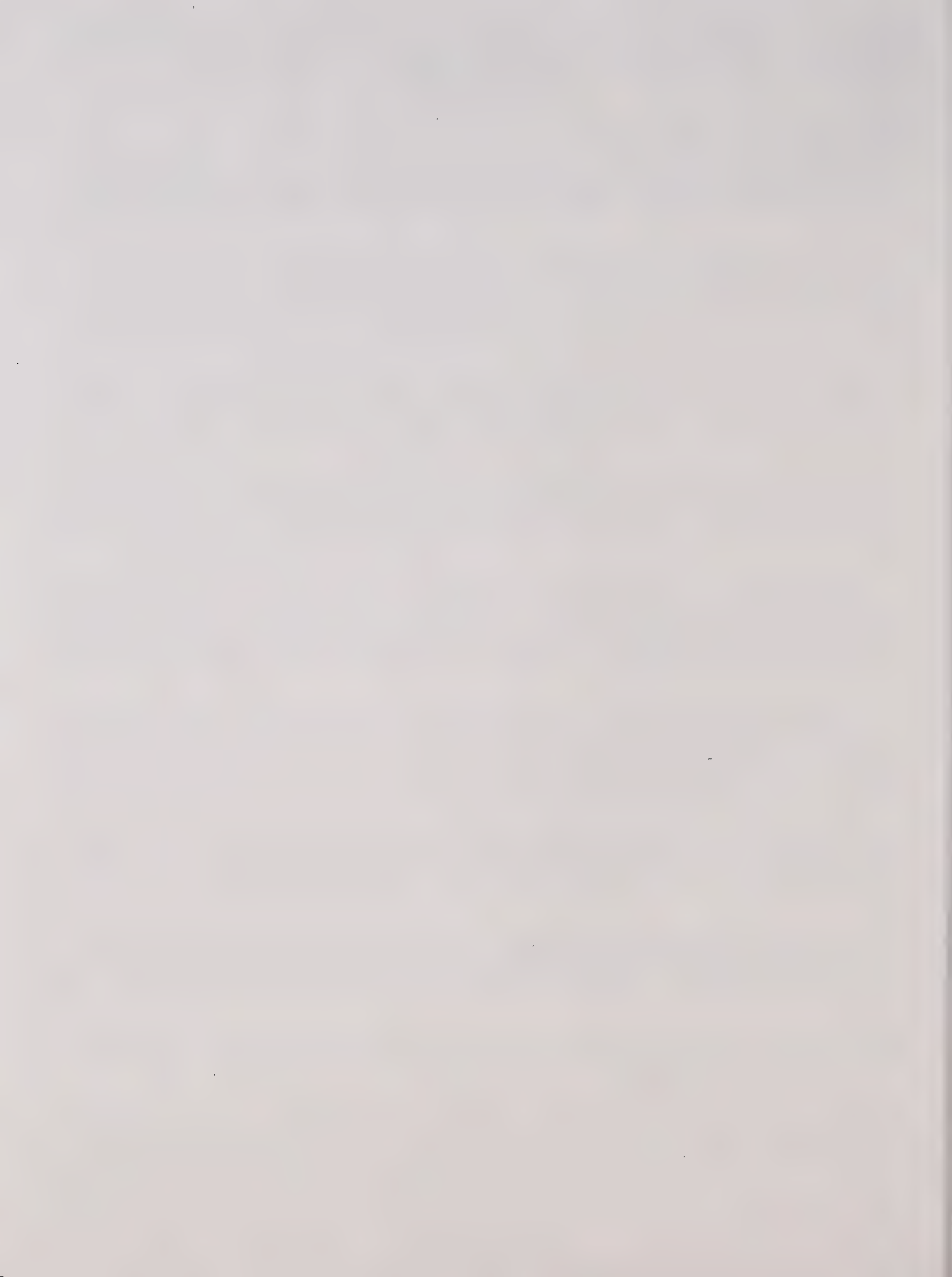
At 2:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie-Andrée Lajoie  
Clerk of the Committee

2005-06-21 10:23 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

**Meeting No. 8**

**Thursday, October 27, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair in accordance with Standing Order 107(2).

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Leon Benoit,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bonnie Brown,  
John Cannis,  
Marlene Catterall,  
Raymonde Folco,  
John Maloney,  
Massimo Pacetti,  
Bernard Patry,  
Pablo Rodriguez,  
Brent St. Denis,  
Paul Steckle,  
Hon. Andrew Telegdi  
and Tom Wappel.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Daryl Kramp for John Williams,  
and David Tilson for David Chatters.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:**

Gary Carr.

**OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:**

Pauline Picard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons:*

Colette Labrecque-Riel, Deputy Principal Clerk;

Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk.

*Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Angela Crandall, Clerk of the Committee.

*Standing Committee on Finance:*

Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

*Standing Committee on Public Accounts:*

Elizabeth B. Kingston, Clerk of the Committee.

*Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage:*

Jacques Lahaie, Clerk of the Committee.

*Subcommittee on Public Safety and National Security of the Standing*

*Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency*

*Preparedness:*

Marc Toupin, Clerk of the Subcommittee.

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Marie-Andrée Lajoie  
Clerk of the Committee



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, October 27, 2005

The Liaison Committee met at 1:11 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and Vice-Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 107(2).

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, Hon. Don Boudria, Bonnie Brown, John Cannis, Marlene Catterall, Raymonde Folco, John Maloney, Massimo Pacetti, Bernard Patry, Pablo Rodriguez, Brent St. Denis, Paul Steckle, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Tom Wappel.

*Acting Members present:* Daryl Kramp for John Williams and David Tilson for David Chatters.

*Associate Members present:* Gary Carr.

*Other Members present:* Pauline Picard.

*In attendance:* House of Commons: Colette Labrecque-Riel, Deputy Principal Clerk; Tranquillo Marrocco, Deputy Principal Clerk. *Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Angela Crandall, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Public Accounts:* Elizabeth B. Kingston, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage:* Jacques Lahaie, Clerk of the Committee. *Subcommittee on Public Safety and National Security of the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness:* Marc Toupin, Clerk of the Subcommittee.

Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair in accordance with Standing Order 107(2).

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Don Boudria, it was agreed, — That Bonnie Brown be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chair.

Rob Anders moved, — That John Williams be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Don Boudria moved, — That Tom Wappel be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The election was conducted by secret ballot and, the ballots having been counted, Tom Wappel was declared duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Bonnie Brown took the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets be comprised of Rob Anders, Bonnie Brown, Massimo Pacetti, Bernard Patry, Andrew Telegdi, Tom Wappel and John Williams.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair gave a presentation on the financial status of the global envelope for committees activities.

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage be granted an additional operational budget of \$30,525, including an additional \$2,400 for hospitality expenses, for its study on the Canadian Feature Film Industry.

On motion of Raymonde Folco, it was agreed, — That the limit for official hospitality expenses for the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be increased by \$3,000 for fiscal year 2005-2006.

Raymonde Folco moved, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be granted a budget of \$31,220 for service contracts, for its study on Chapters 3, 4, 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General.

Debate arose thereon.

Marlene Catterall moved, — That the budget request be referred to the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 3.

Accordingly, the budget request was referred to the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets.

Massimo Pacetti moved, — That the Standing Committee on Finance be granted an operational budget of \$48,900 for its Pre-Budget Consultations.

Debate arose thereon.

Rob Anders moved, — That the budget request be referred to the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 11.

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Paccetti.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 3.

Tom Wappel moved, — (1) That the Subcommittee on National Security and Public Safety of the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness be granted a travel budget of \$27,990 to travel to Washington, DC, for informal meetings with officials in relation to its studies on National Security and Public Safety, and (2) That the Subcommittee on National Security and Public Safety of the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness be granted a travel budget of \$321, to travel to a detention centre in the Ottawa-Carleton Region, for informal meetings with individuals currently detained on security certificates, in relation to its studies on Public Safety.

Debate arose thereon.

Rob Anders moved, — That the budget requests be referred to the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3;

NAYS: 11.

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Wappel.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 4.

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be granted a travel budget of \$8,175, to travel within the National Capital region, to attend a conference entitled "Responding to Gomery: The Future of the Public Service of Canada.

On motion of Bernard Patry, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade be granted a travel budget of \$123,661, to travel to Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Saskatoon, from December 4 to 10, 2005, for its study on the International Policy Statement.

At 2:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie-Andrée Lajoie  
Clerk of the Committee

2005-11-02 3:08 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA  
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Chair: Dean Allison. CPC

**Meeting No. 1**

Thursday, May 11, 2006

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Dean Allison,  
Rob Anders,  
Leon Benoit,  
Rick Casson,  
Norman Doyle,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Art Hanger,  
Gerald Keddy,  
Guy Lauzon,  
Hon. Diane Marleau,  
Colin Mayes,  
Rob Merrifield,  
Bob Mills,  
Hon. Shawn Murphy,  
Brian Pallister,  
James Rajotte,  
Gerry Ritz,  
Gary Schellenberger,  
Hon. Judy Sgro,



Kevin Sorenson,  
Paul Szabo,  
Merv Tweed  
and Tom Wappel.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pauline Picard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons:*

Colette Labrecque-Riel, Deputy Principal Clerk;  
Karen Thriepland, Coordinator, Logistics Services;  
Anik Paquette, Senior Financial Advisor.

*Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations:*

Michael MacPherson, Joint Clerk of the Committee.

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Marie-Andrée Lajoie  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, May 11, 2006

The Liaison Committee met at 1:09 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

*Members of the Committee present:* Dean Allison, Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, Rick Casson, Norman Doyle, Gary Goodyear, Art Hanger, Gerald Keddy, Guy Lauzon, Hon. Diane Marleau, Colin Mayes, Rob Merrifield, Bob Mills, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Brian Pallister, James Rajotte, Gerry Ritz, Gary Schellenberger, Hon. Judy Sgro, Kevin Sorenson, Paul Szabo, Merv Tweed and Tom Wappel.

*Other Members present:* Pauline Picard.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* Colette Labrecque-Riel, Deputy Principal Clerk; Karen Thriepland, Coordinator, Logistics Services; Anik Paquette, Senior Financial Advisor. *Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations:* Michael MacPherson, Joint Clerk of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 107(2), election of Chair.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Rick Casson, it was agreed, — That Dean Allison be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chair.

On motion of Paul Szabo, it was agreed, — That Tom Wappel be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Dean Allison took the Chair.

It was agreed, — That a Subcommittee on Committee Budgets be established to approve committees' budget requests and that the Subcommittee be comprised of Dean Allison, Tom Wappel, Art Hanger, Guy Lauzon, Rob Merrifield, Judy Sgro and Paul Szabo.

It was agreed, — That the meetings of the Liaison Committee be held the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m., when the House is sitting, or at the call of the Chair, and that a working meal be paid out of the Committee's budget at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

At 1:20 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Clerk gave a presentation on financing of committee activities.

It was agreed, — That the budget request of the Standing Joint Committee on the Scrutiny of

Regulations be referred to the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets.

At 1:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie-Andrée Lajoie  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/12 4:44 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

LIAISON COMMITTEE

Chair: Dean Allison.

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, September 28, 2006

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Dean Allison,  
Rob Anders,  
Leon Benoit,  
Rick Casson,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Art Hanger,  
Gerald Keddy,  
Guy Lauzon,  
Colin Mayes,  
Rob Merrifield,  
Bob Mills,  
Hon. Shawn Murphy,  
James Rajotte,  
Lee Richardson,  
Gerry Ritz,  
Gary Schellenberger,  
Hon. Judy Sgro,  
Kevin Sorenson,  
Paul Szabo,



Merv Tweed  
and Tom Wappel.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cheryl Gallant,  
Peter Goldring  
and Ed Komarnicki.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons:*

Colette Labrecque-Riel, Deputy Principal Clerk;  
Karen Thriepand, Coordinator, Logistics Services.

*Standing Committee on Health:*

Carmen DePape, Clerk of the Committee.

*Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights:*

Diane Diotte, Clerk of the Committee.

*Standing Committee on the Status of Women:*

Michelle Tittley, Clerk of the Committee.

*House of Commons:*

Samy Agha, Procedural Clerk.

*Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development:*

Justin Vaive, Clerk of the Committee.

*Standing Committee on National Defence:*

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin, Clerk of the Committee.

*House of Commons:*

Chantal Proulx, Liaison Committee and Finance Officer.

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Marie-Andrée Lajoie  
Clerk of the Committee





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, September 28, 2006

The Liaison Committee met at 1:07 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 107(2).

*Members of the Committee present:* Dean Allison, Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, Rick Casson, Gary Goodyear, Art Hanger, Gerald Keddy, Guy Lauzon, Colin Mayes, Rob Merrifield, Bob Mills, Hon. Shawn Murphy, James Rajotte, Lee Richardson, Gerry Ritz, Gary Schellenberger, Hon. Judy Sgro, Kevin Sorenson, Paul Szabo, Merv Tweed and Tom Wappel.

*Other Members present:* Cheryl Gallant, Peter Goldring and Ed Komarnicki.

*In attendance:* House of Commons: Colette Labrecque-Riel, Deputy Principal Clerk; Karen Thriepland, Coordinator, Logistics Services. Standing Committee on Health: Carmen DePape, Clerk of the Committee. Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights: Diane Diotte, Clerk of the Committee. Standing Committee on the Status of Women: Michelle Tittley, Clerk of the Committee. House of Commons: Samy Agha, Procedural Clerk. Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development: Justin Vaive, Clerk of the Committee. Standing Committee on National Defence: Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin, Clerk of the Committee. House of Commons: Chantal Proulx, Liaison Committee and Finance Officer.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Rob Merrifield, it was agreed, — That Dean Allison be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chair.

On motion of Leon Benoit, it was agreed, — That Judy Sgro be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Dean Allison took the Chair.

It was agreed, — That a Subcommittee on Committee Budgets established to approve committees' budget requests be comprised of the Chair Dean Allison, the Vice-Chair Judy Sgro, Art Hanger, Guy Lauzon, Rob Merrifield, Paul Szabo and Tom Wappel.

At 1:12 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Clerk gave a presentation on the financial status of the global envelope for committee activities.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Health be granted an operational budget of \$82,450 for its study on Childhood Obesity.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights be granted an operational budget of \$54,020 for its study of Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (conditional sentence of

imprisonment).

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on the Status of Women be granted an operational budget of \$63,000 for its study on Human Trafficking.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development be granted a travel budget of \$11,047 to travel to attend the Canadian Aboriginal law Conference 2006, in Ottawa, on October 4 and 5, 2006.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on National Defence be granted a travel budget of \$5,731 to travel to Canadian Forces Base, in Petawawa, ON, for a site visit in relation to its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan, in October and November 2006.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on National Defence be granted a travel budget of \$54,893 to travel to Edmonton, AB for a site visit in relation to its study of Canadian Forces in Afghanistan, in October and November 2006.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on National Defence be granted a travel budget of \$34,412 to travel to Gagetown, NB for a site visit in relation to its study on Canadian Forces in Afghanistan, in October and November 2006.

At 1:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie-Andrée Lajoie  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/03 8:37 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Chair: Dean Allison.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Thursday, December 7, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 107(1), the Committee resumed its study on Budget submissions.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Rob Anders,  
Leon Benoit,  
Garry Breitkreuz,  
Rick Casson,  
Norman Doyle,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Art Hanger,  
Gerald Keddy,  
Guy Lauzon,  
Hon. Diane Marleau,  
Colin Mayes,  
Rob Merrifield,  
Bob Mills,  
Hon. Shawn Murphy,  
James Rajotte,  
Lee Richardson,  
Gary Schellenberger,  
Kevin Sorenson,

Paul Szabo,  
Merv Tweed  
and Tom Wappel.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Peter Goldring.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons:*

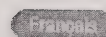
Colette Labrecque-Riel, Deputy Principal Clerk;  
Chantal Proulx, Liaison Committee and Finance Officer;  
Karen Thriepland, Coordinator, Logistics Services;  
Louise Lalonde, Finance Officer.

*Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:*

Angela Crandall, Clerk of the Committee.

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Marie-Andrée Lajoie  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, December 7, 2006

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:03 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block.

*Members of the Committee present:* Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, Garry Breitkreuz, Rick Casson, Norman Doyle, Gary Goodyear, Art Hanger, Gerald Keddy, Guy Lauzon, Hon. Diane Marleau, Colin Mayes, Rob Merrifield, Bob Mills, Hon. Shawn Murphy, James Rajotte, Lee Richardson, Gary Schellenberger, Kevin Sorenson, Paul Szabo, Merv Tweed and Tom Wappel.

*Other Members present:* Peter Goldring.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* Colette Labrecque-Riel, Deputy Principal Clerk; Chantal Proulx, Liaison Committee and Finance Officer; Karen Thriepland, Coordinator, Logistics Services; Louise Lalonde, Finance Officer. *Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:* Angela Crandall, Clerk of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That Rob Merrifield be elected acting Chair for this meeting.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Clerk of the Committee made a presentation regarding administrative and financial matters relating to the management of committees.

It was agreed, — That, in relation to the contingency fund for forensic, e-consultation and other specialized services, allotted on a trial basis to the Liaison Committee on December 6, 2004, the Chair of the Liaison Committee write to the Board of Internal Economy to request that a fund in the amount of \$250,000 annually, for the hiring of expert and other services, be made permanent.

It was agreed, — That the Chair of the Liaison Committee write to the Board of Internal Economy to request that the maximum allowable per diem rate for service contracts be increased from \$600 to \$1,000 per day.

It was agreed, — That the Chair of the Liaison Committee write to the Board of internal Economy to request that the number of printed copies of committee reports be decreased from 550 to 350.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to develop a post-travel report template to be completed following each trip and submitted to the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to develop guidelines on the use of charter flights for committee travel and that these guidelines be presented to the Liaison Committee for approval.

It was agreed, — That witnesses appearing before parliamentary committees be given sixty (60) days to submit claims for reimbursement and that claims received beyond this limit be denied.

It was agreed, — That the Chair of the Liaison Committee write to the Chair of the Standing Committee



on Procedure and House Affairs to request that the Committee study the feasibility of allowing committees to travel within the National Capital Region without having to seek the authorisation of the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 107(1), the Committee resumed its study on Budget submissions.

The Deputy Principal Clerk gave a presentation on the financial status of the global envelope for committee activities.

That the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development be granted a travel budget of \$57,742 to travel to Washington and New York, in relation to its study on the democratic development, from February 4 to 8, 2007.

At 1:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie-Andrée Lajoie  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/12 1:11 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Chair : Dean Allison.

**Meeting No. 4**

**Thursday, February 15, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 107(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of a Vice-Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 107(1), the Committee resumed its study on Budget submissions.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Dean Allison,  
Leon Benoit,  
James Bezan,  
Garry Breitkreuz,  
Rick Casson,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Art Hanger,  
Gerald Keddy,  
Guy Lauzon,  
Hon. Diane Marleau,  
Colin Mayes,  
Rob Merrifield,  
Hon. Shawn Murphy,  
James Rajotte,  
Yasmin Ratansi,

Gary Schellenberger,  
Paul Szabo  
and Merv Tweed.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pauline Picard  
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

Jack Stilborn, Analyst.

*House of Commons:*

Colette Labrecque-Riel, Deputy Principal Clerk;  
Chantal Proulx, Liaison Committee and Finance Officer;  
Karen Thriepland, Coordinator, Logistics Services.

*Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage:*

Jacques Lahaie, Clerk of the Committee.

*Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration:*

Samy Agha, Committee Clerk.

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Marie-Andrée Lajoie  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, February 15, 2007

The Liaison Committee met at 1:05 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Dean Allison, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Dean Allison, Leon Benoit, James Bezan, Garry Breitkreuz, Rick Casson, Gary Goodyear, Art Hanger, Gerald Keddy, Guy Lauzon, Hon. Diane Marleau, Colin Mayes, Rob Merrifield, Hon. Shawn Murphy, James Rajotte, Yasmin Ratansi, Gary Schellenberger, Paul Szabo and Merv Tweed.

*Associate Members present:* Pauline Picard and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Jack Stilborn, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Colette Labrecque-Riel, Deputy Principal Clerk; Chantal Proulx, Liaison Committee and Finance Officer; Karen Thriepand, Coordinator, Logistics Services. *Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage:* Jacques Lahaie, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration:* Samy Agha, Committee Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 107(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of a Vice-Chair.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chair.

On motion of Shawn Murphy, it was agreed, — That Yasmin Ratansi be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That Yasmin Ratansi be added to the list of Members of the Subcommittee on committee budgets.

At 1:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair apprised members that at its meeting of February 5, 2007, the Board of Internal Economy discussed the request of the Liaison Committee regarding administrative and financial matters relating to the management of House of Commons committees and agreed to the following:

- That a fund in the amount of \$250,000 annually, for the hiring of expert and other services, be granted to the Liaison committee on a permanent basis;
- That the maximum allowable per diem rate for service contracts be increased from \$600 to \$1,000 per day; and

- That the number of printed copies of committee reports be decreased from 550 to 350.

The Chair also apprised members that during its meeting of February 15, 2007, the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs studied the Liaison Committee's request regarding travel in the National Capital Region and agreed that no change be made to the process for requesting authority from the House for committee travel within the National Capital Region.

It was agreed, — That the document entitled “Post-Travel Report” be adopted as a template and the such reports be prepared following all Committee travel and presented to the Liaison Committee.

The Chair gave a presentation on the financial status of the global envelope for committee activities.

Pursuant to Standing Order 107(1), the Committee resumed its study on Budget submissions.

The Chair apprised members that the following budget requests have been approved:

- The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration - a travel budget of \$9,066 to travel to Kingston on February 11 and 12, 2007, in relation to its study on refugee issues;
- The Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights - a travel budget of \$475 to visit the RCMP DNA Centre in Ottawa on February 14, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration be granted an operational budget of \$65,200 for its study on the Loss of Canadian Citizenship 1947, 1977 and 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage be granted a travel budget of \$95,747 to travel to Yellowknife and Vancouver from March 13 to 15, 2007, in relation to its study on the role of a Public Broadcaster in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage be granted a travel budget of \$66,097 to travel to Winnipeg and Toronto on April 4 and 5, 2007, in relation to its study on the role of a Public Broadcaster in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage be granted a travel budget of \$62,221 to travel to St. John's and Montreal on May 23 and 24, 2007, in relation to its study on the role of a Public Broadcaster in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

At 1:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie-Andrée Lajoie  
Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Chair : Dean Allison.

**Meeting No. 5**

**Thursday, May 31, 2007**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, May 31, 2007

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:01 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Dean Allison, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Dean Allison, Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, Rick Casson, Norman Doyle, Gary Goodyear, Gerald Keddy, Colin Mayes, Rob Merrifield, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Gary Schellenberger, Kevin Sorenson, Paul Szabo, Mervin Tweed and Tom Wappel.

*Associate Members present:* Paul Crête, Pauline Picard and Paul Steckle.

*Other Members present:* Rick Dykstra.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* Jeremy LeBlanc, Acting Deputy Principal Clerk; Mark D'Amore, Committee Clerk; Karen Thriepland, Coordinator, Logistics Services; Chantal Proulx, Liaison Committee and Finance Officer; Louise Lalonde, Finance Officer. *Library of Parliament:* Jack Stilborn, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Public Accounts:* Georges Etoka, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage:* Jacques Lahaie, Clerk of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair gave a presentation on the financial status of the global envelope for committee activities and on the 2006-2007 post travel reports.

It was agreed, — That the following guidelines for the use of chartered aircraft be adopted:

“While the use of scheduled commercial flights is usually the most economical and logistically sound means of traveling into and out of large centres, the use of chartered aircraft is permitted under the following conditions:

- The destination is not serviced by commercial airlines (e.g. remote communities) and it is not possible or practical to travel by ground;
- The committee's schedule of meetings and/or visits is incompatible with commercial flight schedules (due to time constraints, lack of flight availability, etc.); and
- When the use of chartered aircraft is more cost effective than scheduled commercial flights.

The size of aircraft is selected based on the following considerations:

- Number of passengers (and luggage\*);
- Destination and length of runway at airport, length of flight and consequently speed of aircraft;



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, May 31, 2007

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:01 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Dean Allison, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Dean Allison, Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, Rick Casson, Norman Doyle, Gary Goodyear, Gerald Keddy, Colin Mayes, Rob Merrifield, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Gary Schellenberger, Kevin Sorenson, Paul Szabo, Mervin Tweed and Tom Wappel.

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The size of aircraft is selected based on the following considerations:

- Number of passengers (and luggage\*);
- Destination and length of runway at airport, length of flight and consequently speed of aircraft;

- Services available on board (e.g. facilities, meals)

*\*There is usually a luggage weight restriction for each passenger, especially on the smaller aircraft. The maximum allowable weight will be clearly communicated to all participants in advance of the trip and must be adhered to.*

Only members of the Committee and designated committee staff may travel on chartered aircraft. Designated committee staff includes: committee clerks, analysts, interpreters, administration and logistics officers, and proceedings and verification officers.

The supplier will be selected on the basis of cost, availability, type of aircraft and past experience. Given the limited number of suppliers, it should be noted that committees may have to travel in an aircraft which is larger than required. Also, some committee trips benefit from a combination of commercial flights and charter aircraft, especially those where the first destination is a considerable distance from Ottawa (e.g., Vancouver).

The flight schedule for the chartered aircraft will be set to accommodate the Committee's itinerary and not individual travel requirements. Participants who deviate from the Committee's itinerary will be responsible for their own travel arrangements and for assuming the costs of those arrangements."

Pursuant to Standing Order 107(1), the Committee resumed its study on Budget submissions.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Finance be granted an operational budget of \$41,500 for its Pre-Budget Consultations.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Finance be granted a travel budget of \$136,429 to travel to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Rivière-du-Loup, Quebec; Montréal, Quebec and Kingston, Ontario, to conduct Pre-Budget Consultations, in the Fall 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Finance be granted a travel budget of \$84,208 to travel to Iqaluit, Nunavut, to conduct Pre-Budget Consultations, in the Fall 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Finance be granted a travel budget of \$155,567 to travel to Victoria, British-Columbia; Calgary, Alberta; Regina, Saskatchewan and Winnipeg, Manitoba, to conduct Pre-Budget Consultations, in the Fall 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs be granted a travel budget of \$136,019 to travel to Afghanistan, in relation to its study on Health Care Review, in the Fall 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be granted a travel budget of \$31,788 to travel to Victoria, British Columbia, to attend the Conference of the Canadian Association of Public Accounts Committees, from August 19 to 22, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be granted an operational budget of \$1,000 for additional hospitality expenses.

The Committee resumed consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the issue of resourcing for the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

At 1:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Colette Labrecque-Riel  
Committee Clerk

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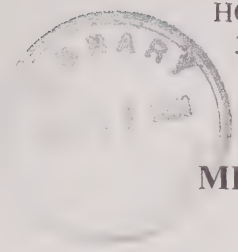
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### LIAISON COMMITTEE

Clerk of the Committee: Pierre Rodrigue.

### Meeting No. 1

Thursday, November 22, 2007

#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,  
Rob Anders,  
James Bezan,  
Steven Blaney,  
Garry Breitkreuz,  
Rick Casson,  
Barry Devolin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Art Hanger,  
Derek Lee,  
Hon. Diane Marleau,  
Rob Merrifield,  
Yasmin Ratansi,  
Gary Schellenberger,  
Kevin Sorenson  
and Mervin Tweed.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Cannis for Paul Szabo,  
and Patricia Davidson for Joy Smith.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons:*

Jeremy LeBlanc, Deputy Principal Clerk;  
Robert Benoit, Deputy Principal Clerk;  
Gilles Larocque, Senior Financial Advisor;  
Karen Thriepland, Coordinator, Logistics Services.

*Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations:*

Michael MacPherson, Joint Clerk of the Committee.

*Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs:*

Alexandre Roger, Clerk of the Committee.

*Standing Committee on Finance:*

Catherine Cuerrier, Committee Clerk.

*Standing Committee on National Defence:*

Samy Agha, Clerk of the Committee.

*Library of Parliament:*

Jack Stilborn, Analyst.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, November 22, 2007

The Liaison Committee met at 1:13 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

*Members of the Committee present:* Dean Allison, Rob Anders, James Bezan, Steven Blaney, Garry Breitkreuz, Rick Casson, Barry Devolin, Gary Goodyear, Art Hanger, Derek Lee, Hon. Diane Marleau, Rob Merrifield, Yasmin Ratansi, Gary Schellenberger, Kevin Sorenson and Mervin Tweed.

*Acting Members present:* John Cannis for Paul Szabo and Patricia Davidson for Joy Smith.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* Jeremy LeBlanc, Deputy Principal Clerk; Robert Benoit, Deputy Principal Clerk; Gilles Larocque, Senior Financial Advisor; Karen Thriepand, Coordinator, Logistics Services. *Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations:* Michael MacPherson, Joint Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Alexandre Roger, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Catherine Cuerrier, Committee Clerk. *Standing Committee on National Defence:* Samy Agha, Clerk of the Committee. *Library of Parliament:* Jack Stilborn, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Derek Lee, it was agreed, — That Dean Allison be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chair.

On motion of Derek Lee, it was agreed, — That Yasmin Ratansi be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Dean Allison took the Chair.

On motion of Derek Lee, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 107(6), a Subcommittee on Committee Budgets be established to approve committees' budget requests and that the subcommittee be composed of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, Art Hanger, Diane Marleau, Rob Merrifield, Paul Szabo and Mervin Tweed.

On motion of Rob Anders, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its subcommittees.

On motion of Kevin Sorenson, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

At 1:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:19 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Deputy Principal Clerk gave a presentation on the financial status of the global envelope for committee activities.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations be granted an operational budget of \$12,810.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Finance be granted an additional operational budget of \$9,600 for its Pre-Budget Consultations 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on National Defence be granted a travel budget of \$249,461 to travel to Kandahar and Kabul, Afghanistan and Brussels Belgium, in the winter of 2008 in relation to its study of Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.

At 2:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/23 1:53 p.m.

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Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The Liaison Committee met *in camera* at 1:03 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Dean Allison, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Dean Allison, Rob Anders, Leon Benoit, James Bezan, Steven Blaney, Garry Breitkreuz, Rick Casson, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Art Hanger, Hon. Diane Marleau, Rob Merrifield, Bob Mills, Hon. Shawn Murphy, James Rajotte, Yasmin Ratansi, Joy Smith, Paul Szabo and Mervin Tweed.

*Associate Members present:* Ken Epp and Bill Matthews.

*Other Members present:* Pauline Picard.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* Jeremy LeBlanc, Deputy Principal Clerk; Karen Thriepeland, Coordinator, Logistics Services; Gilles Larocque, Senior Financial Advisor. *Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans:* Julia Lockhart, Clerk of the Committee. *Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Alexandre Roger, Clerk of the Committee. *Library of Parliament:* Jack Stilborn, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 107(1), the Committee proceeded its study on Budget submissions.

The Deputy Principal Clerk gave a presentation on the financial status of the global envelope for committee activities.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs be granted an additional \$31,844 to its travel budget approved by the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets at its meeting of December 11, 2007 to travel to Shearwater, NS; Goose Bay, NL; Comox, BC and Cold Lake AB, for site visits in relation to its study of Veterans Independence Programme and Health Care Review, from February 10 to 15, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans be granted a travel budget of \$174,216 to travel to St. John's (NL); Bay Roberts (NL); Twillingate (NL); St. Peter's Bay (PEI); Yarmouth (NS); Bathurst (NB) and Gaspé (QC), for public hearings and site visits in relation to its study of small craft harbours, from February 24 to 29, 2008.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, notwithstanding the motion adopted on December 7, 2006, upon request from a Committee Chair, the Liaison Committee or the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets be authorized to approve the reimbursement of witness expenses in exceptional cases where a claim has been submitted beyond the 60-day deadline, provided that the delay in submitting the request is not excessive.

It was agreed, — That the request for reimbursement presented by Garry Breitkreuz regarding a witness who submitted his expense claim to the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security after the 60-day deadline be concurred in.

It was agreed, — That the Chair of the Liaison Committee be authorized to review and approve project budgets which respect the criteria established by the Board of Internal Economy on December 6, 2004 and that the Chair be authorized to delegate this authority to the Clerk of the Liaison Committee or the Clerk of the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets.

It was agreed, — That the Chair of the Liaison Committee be authorized to delegate the authority to provide additional funds to committee budgets to the Clerk of the Liaison Committee or the Clerk of the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets.

It was agreed, — That, in the absence of an order of the House authorizing the travel, the funds approved by the Liaison Committee for a travel budget be returned to the global envelope on the last projected day of travel.

At 1:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

André Gagnon  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/06 4:20 p.m.

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